

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please **amend** the following claims:

1. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for
use in a computer;
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface; and
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic
musical instrument.

2. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for
use in a computer;
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic
musical instrument; and
a replacing device that replaces operation information input from said operation panel by
operation information input from said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said
second connection interface.

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3. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for
use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of keys;
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic
musical instrument;
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said
operation panel respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal
and said second connection interface; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said keyboard,
for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key.

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5. (Twice Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for
use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;
a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic
musical instrument;
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said
operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected via said connection
terminal and said second connection interface; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said
keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key.

Please **add** the following claims:

7. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer; and
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard
directly to said electronic musical instrument.

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8. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer;
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard
directly to said electronic musical instrument; and
a replacing device that replaces operation information input from said operation panel by
operation information input from said computer keyboard connected via said connection terminal
and said connection interface.

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9. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard
having a plurality of keys;
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard
directly to said electronic musical instrument;
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said
operation panel respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected via said
connection terminal and said connection interface; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said computer
keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key.

10. (New) An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 9, further
comprising a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or
numerical values respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected to said electronic
musical instrument, and wherein when any of the keys of said computer keyboard are operated,
said execution device causes said display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical
value assigned to the operated key if the operation of the key is significant for a screen view
currently displayed on said display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the operated key
if the operation of the key is significant for the screen view currently displayed.

11. (New) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
a dedicated electronic musical instrument having a control section;
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for
connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard
having a plurality of types of keys;
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard
directly to said electronic musical instrument;
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an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said
operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected via said
connection terminal and said connection interface; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said
computer keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key.

12. (New) An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 11, further
comprising a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or
numerical values respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected to said
electronic musical instrument, and wherein when any of the types of keys are operated, said
execution device causes said display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical
value assigned to the operated type of key if the operation of the type of key is significant for a
screen view currently displayed on said display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the
operated key if the operation of the type of key is significant for the screen view currently
displayed.